THE HUMBLE

# PETITION

OF THE

Lord Primate, Lord Chancellor, Archbiſhops, Noblemen, Biſhops, Judges, Gentry and Clergy of the Kingdom of *Ireland*,

TO

The KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY.

With a COPY of

His MAJESTY's Royal Charter,

FOR ERECTING

*Engliſh* Proteſtant SCHOOLS in the Kingdom of IRELAND.

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## The Humble Petition of the Lord Primate, Lord Chancellor, Archbiſhops, Noblemen, Biſhops, Judges, Gentry and Clergy of this Your MAJESTY's Kingdom of *Ireland*; whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed:

*Humbly Sheweth,*

THAT in many Parts of this Kingdom, there are great Tracts of Mountainy and Coarſe Land, of Ten, Twenty or Thirty Miles in Length, and of a conſiderable Breadth, almoſt univerſally Inhabited by *Papiſts*; and that in moſt Parts of the ſame, and more eſpecially in the Provinces of *Leinſter*, *Munſter*, and *Connaught*, the *Papiſts* far exceed the *Proteſtants* of all Sorts in Number.

THAT the Generality of the *Popiſh* Natives appear to have very little Senſe, or Knowledge of Religion, but what they implicitly take from their Clergy, to whoſe Guidance in ſuch Matters they ſeem wholly to give themſelves up, and thereby are kept, not only in Groſs Ignorance, but in great Diſaffection to Your Sacred Majeſty, and Government, ſcarce any of them having appear'd to be willing to Abjure the *Pretender* to Your Majeſty's Throne; ſo that if ſome effectual Method be not made uſe of, to Inſtruct theſe great Numbers of People in the Principles of Religion and Loyalty, there ſeems to be very little Proſpect, but that Superſtition, Idolatry, and Diſaffection to Your Majeſty, and to Your Royal Poſterity, will, from Generation to Generation, be propagated amongſt them.

AMONG the Ways proper to be taken for the Converting and Civilizing of theſe poor deluded People, and bringing them (thro' the Bleſſing of God) in time, to be Good Chriſtians and Faithful

 Subjects:

Subjects: One of the moſt neceſſary, and without which, all others are like to prove ineffectual, has always been thought to be, that a ſufficient Number of *Engliſh Proteſtant* Schools be Erected, and Eſtabliſhed, wherein the Children of the *Iriſh* Natives might be inſtructed in the *Engliſh* Tongue, and the fundamental Principles of true Religion, to both which they are generally great Strangers.

In purſuance hereof, the Pariſh Miniſters throughout the Kingdom, have generally Endeavoured, and often with ſome Expence to themſelves, to provide Maſters for ſuch Schools within their reſpective Pariſhes, as the Law requires them to do; but the Richer *Papiſts* commonly refuſing to ſend their Children to ſuch Schools, and the Poorer, which are much the greater Number, not being able to pay the accuſtomed Salary, as the Law directs, for their Childrens Schooling, ſuch Schoolmaſters, where they have been placed, have ſeldom been able to Subſiſt; and in moſt Places, ſufficient Maſters are diſcouraged from undertaking ſuch an Employment; nor is it (as we conceive) to be expected, that the Reſidence of the *Proteſtant* Clergy, upon their reſpective Benefices, will ever be a ſufficient Remedy for this growing Evil, if ſome effectual Encouragement be not given to ſuch *Engliſh Proteſtant* Schools.

To the Intent, therefore, that the Youth of this Kingdom may generally be brought up in the Principles of true Religion and Loyalty, in all ſucceeding Generations;

We, Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, moſt humbly beſeech Your Majeſty, That, out of Your Great Goodneſs, You would be pleaſed to grant Your Royal Charter, for Incorporating ſuch Perſons as Your Majeſty ſhall think fit, and Enabling them to accept of Gifts, Benefactions and Lands, to ſuch a Value as Your Majeſty, in Your Great Wiſdom, ſhall think to be proper; that the ſame may be employ'd, under ſuch Rules and Directions, as Your Majeſty ſhall approve of, for the Supporting and Maintaining ſuch Schools, as may be Erected, in the moſt neceſſary Places, where the Children of the Poor may be taught *gratis*.

And We are the more Encourag'd to make this humble Application, from the good Succeſs which the ſame Method has already had, and (through God's Bleſſing) We hope, will further have, among Your Majeſty's Subjects of *North Britain*.

And alſo, in ſome Meaſure, by what We have ſeen already done in this Kingdom, in ſome few Places, where ſuch Schools have been Erected, and Maintained at the private Expence of charitable Perſons.

We humbly ſubmit Ourſelves to Your Majeſty's Great Wiſdom and Goodneſs, and, as in Duty bound, ſhall ever Pray.

Dated this 17th Day of *April*, 1730.

*Hu. Armagh.*
*Tho. Wyndham*, C.
*J. Dublin.*
*Theo. Caſhel.*
*Edw. Tuam.*
*Kildare.*
*Roſcommon.*
*Cavan.*
*Mountrath.*
*Bellemont.*
*Kerry.*
*Netterville.*
*Charlemont.*
*Tyrone.*
*Duncannon.*
*Mountcaſhell.*
*Ra. Meath.*
*Welb. Kildare.*
*J. Clogher.*
*N. Rapho.*
*C. Killaloe.*
*H. Derry.*
*C. Dromore.*
*Joſi. Kilmore.*
*Art. Clonfert.*
*W. Limerick.*
*H. Cloyne.*
*R. Elphin.*

*Athenree.*
*Howth.*
*Santry.*
*Altham.*
*Mountgomery.*
*Southwell.*
*J. Reynolds.*
*Tho. Dalton.*
*J. Caulfield.*
*Fr. Bernard.*
*J. Pocklington.*
*G. Gore.*
*Mich. Ward.*
*Marm. Coghill.*
*R. Cope.*
*R. Lindſay.*
*J. Coghill.*
*W. Veſey.*
*G. Mc. Cartney.*
*J. Caulfield.*
*H. Henry.*
*Ant. Malone.*
*R. Parkinſon.*
*Tho. Medlycot.*
*Jo. Rochfort.*
*T. Taylor.*
*R. Blakeney.*
*W. Stannus.*

*Sam. Whitſhed.*
*Ar. Woleſly.*
*J. Somerville.*
*W. Handcock.*
*N. Aylward.*
*Ant. Shepherd.*
*W. Wall.*
*Toby Caulfield.*
*Mau. Crosby.*
*Ant. Shepherd.*
*N. Clements.*
*T. Staunton.*
*R. Warburton.*
*R. St. George.*
*N. Mahon.*
*Hum. Butler.*
*T. Neſbit.*
*T. Forteſcue.*
*W. Aſton.*
*H. Boyle.*
*J. Bingham.*
*R. Maude.*
*T. Butler.*
*Eph. Dawſon.*
*Tho. Newcomen.*
*Edw. Croſton.*
*Owen Wynne.*
*Pryce Harſtonge.*

*Art. Lambert.*
*J. Staunton.*
*Art. Dobbs.*
*G. Houghton.*
*T. Pearſon.*
*R. French.*
*R. Napper.*
*J. Eyre.*
*R. Gore.*
*Iſa. Manley.*
*T. Meredith.*
*T. Trotter.*
*J. Folliot.*
*H. Sandford.*
*R. Dalton.*
*Art. Hill.*
*H. Dickſon.*
*H. Hamilton.*
*Tho. Burgh.*
*H. Bingham.*
*J. Bourke.*
*Ja. Barrington.*
*H. King.*
*R. Tighe.*
*Guſt. Hume.*
*Ant. Gore.*
*Tho. North.*
*Da. Chaigneau.*
*W. Percival*, Dean of *Emly.*
*A. Alcock*, Dean of *Liſmore.*
*Will. Croſs*, Dean of *Leighlin.*
*Tho. Smyth*, Archdeacon of *Glandelagh.*
*Will. Gore*, Dean of *Down.*
*Will. Smith*, Dean of *Ardfert.*
*James Ward*, Dean of *Cloyne.*
*R. Gibbons*, Rector of *Rahenny.*
*W. Jackſon*, Rector of St. *John*'s, *Dublin.*
*Jer. Marſh*, Dean of *Kilmore.*
*Charles Whittingham*, Archdeacon of *Dublin.*
*E. Synge*, Chancellor of St. *Patrick*'s, *Dublin.*
*Ant. Dopping*, Dean of *Clonmacnois.*
*N. Synge*, Rector of the Cathedral of *Tuam.*
*Thomas Walls*, Archdeacon of *Achonry.*
*J. Wynne*, Rector of St. *Audeon*'s, *Dublin.*
*Ch. Eſte*, Archdeacon of *Ardmagh.*
*John Antrobus*, Rector of St. *Michael*'s, *Dublin.*
*W. Williamſon*, Archdeacon of *Kildare.*
*Giles Eyre*, Dean of *Killaloe.*
*W. Uſher*, Archdeacon of *Clonfert.*
*Robert Grattan*, Miniſter of St. *Bridget*'s, *Dublin.*
*W. Cotterel*, Dean of *Rapho.*
*L. Saurin*, Dean of *Ardagh.*
*James King*, Prebendary of *Tipper*, *Dublin.*
*John Hall*, Rector of *Ardſheagh*, *Derry.*
*John Owen*, Rector of *Boveagh*, *Derry.*
*Ric. Dougat*, Chanter of St. *Patrick*'s, *Dublin.*
*H. Hill*, Treaſurer of *Ardmagh.*
*John Madden*, Vicar of St. *Ann*'s, *Dublin.*

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*N. B.* The Lord Biſhop of *Cloyne*, and the Chancellor of the *Exchequer*, for the Time being, by Miſtake omitted in the Charter, have been Elected ſince.

# *A* COPY *of a* CHARTER, *for Erecting* Engliſh *Proteſtant Schools*, &c.

**George** the Second, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* **To** all Perſons to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come. **Forasmuch** as We have received Information by the Petition of the Lord Primate, Lord Chancellor, Archbiſhops, Noblemen, Biſhops, Judges, Gentry, and Clergy of our Kingdom of *Ireland*, That in many Parts of our ſaid Kingdom there are great Tracts of Mountainy and Coarſe Land, of ten, twenty, and thirty Miles in Length, and of conſiderable Breadth, almoſt entirely inhabited by Papiſts, and that in moſt Parts of the ſame, and more eſpecially in the Provinces of *Leinſter*, *Munſter*, and *Connaught*, the Papiſts far exceed the Proteſtants of all Denominations in Number.

Recites, That in many Parts of this Kingdom there are great Tracts of Land, almoſt intirely inhabited by Papiſts.

That the Generality of the Popiſh Natives appear to have very little Senſe or Knowledge of Religion, but what they implicitly take from their Clergy, to whoſe Guidance, in ſuch Matters they ſeem wholly to give themſelves up, and thereby are kept, not only in groſs Ignorance, but alſo in great Diſaffection to Our Perſon and Government, ſcarce any of them appearing to have been willing to abjure the **Pretender** to Our Throne: So that if ſome effectual Method be not made uſe of to inſtruct theſe great Numbers of People in the Principles of true Religion and Loyalty, there is little Proſpect, but that Superſtition and Idolatry, and Diſaffection to Us and Our Royal Poſterity, will, from Generation to Generation, be propagated amongſt them. That among the Ways proper to be taken for converting and civilizing of the ſaid deluded Perſons, and bringing them (through the Bleſſing of God) in time to be good Chriſtians and faithful Subjects, one of the moſt neceſſary, and without which, all others are likely to prove ineffectual, has always been thought to be the Erecting and Eſtabliſhing a ſufficient Number of *Engliſh* Proteſtant Schools; wherein

That they are kept by their Clergy in great Ignorance of the true Religion, and bred up in great Diſaffection to the Government.

That the Erecting of Proteſtant *Engliſh* Schools in thoſe Places, is abſolutely neceſſary for their Converſion.

wherein the Children of the *Iriſh* Natives may be inſtructed in the *Engliſh* Tongue, and the fundamental Principles of true Religion. That in Purſuance thereof, the Pariſh Miniſters (throughout Our ſaid Kingdom) have generally endeavoured, and often, with ſome Expence to themſelves, to provide Maſters for ſuch Schools, within their reſpective Pariſhes, as the Law requires them to do: But the richer *Papiſts* commonly refuſing to ſend their Children to ſuch Schools, and the poorer (which are much the greater Number) not being able to pay the accuſtomed Salary, as the Law directs, for their Childrens Schooling, ſuch Schoolmaſters (where they have been placed) have ſeldom been able to ſubſiſt; and, in moſt Places, ſufficient Maſters are utterly diſcouraged from undertaking ſuch an Employment; nor is it to be expected, that the Reſidence of the Proteſtant Clergy, upon their reſpective Benefices, will ever be a ſufficient Remedy for this growing Evil, if ſome effectual Encouragement be not given to ſuch *Engliſh* Proteſtant Schools. To the Intent therefore, that the Children of the *Popiſh*, and other poor Natives of Our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, may be inſtructed in the *Engliſh* Tongue, and in the Principles of true Religion and Loyalty, in all ſucceeding Generations; And to the End that ſo good a Deſign may the more orderly and effectually be carried on, **Know** ye therefore, that We of Our eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, by and with the Advice and Conſent of Our Right Truſty, and right entirely beloved Couſin and Counſellor, *Lionel Cranfield*, Duke of *Dorſet*, our Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, and according to the Tenor and Effect of Our Letters, under Our Privy Signet and Sign Manual, bearing Date at Our Court at *Richmond*, the Twelfth Day of *July*, One thouſand, Seven hundred and Thirty three, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign, **have** granted, ordained, declared, conſtituted and appointed: And by theſe Preſents We do for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, grant, ordain, declare, conſtitute and appoint, That Our Right Truſty, and right entirely beloved Couſin and Counſellor, *Lionel Cranfield*, Duke of *Dorſet*, Our Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Our Kingdom of *Ireland*, and the Chief Governor, or Governors, of Our ſaid Kingdom, for the Time being; the Moſt Reverend Father in God, Our Right Truſty, and right

That the *Engliſh* Pariſh Schools already eſtabliſhed, are not ſufficient for that Purpoſe, nor can the Reſidence of the Parochial Clergy only fully anſwer the End.

The Lord Lieutenant, and ſome of the Chief Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy of this Kingdom, are appointed Commiſſioners to execute the Purpoſes of this Charter.

right entirely beloved Counſellor, *Hugh*, Lord Archbiſhop of *Ardmagh*, Primate of all *Ireland*, and the Archbiſhop of *Ardmagh* for the Time being; Our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor, *Thomas*, Lord *Wyndham*, Our Chancellor, and the Chancellor, Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners, Keeper or Keepers of the Great Seal of Our Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Time being: The Moſt Reverend Father in God, Our Right Truſty, and right entirely beloved Counſellor, *John*, Archbiſhop of *Dublin:* The Moſt Reverend Fathers in God, *Theophilus*, Archbiſhop of *Caſhell*; *Edward*, Archbiſhop of *Tuam*, and the Archbiſhops of *Dublin*, *Caſhell* and *Tuam*, for the Time being: Our Right Truſty, and right well beloved Couſins, *Robert*, Earl of *Kildare*; *James*, Earl of *Roſcommon*; *Richard*, Earl of *Cavan*; *Charles*, Earl of *Mountrath*; *Richard*, Earl of *Bellemont*; and *Thomas*, Earl of *Kerry:* Our Right Truſty and well beloved Couſins, *Nicholas*, Lord Viſcount *Netterville*; *James*, Viſcount *Charlemont*; *Edward*, Viſcount *Mountcaſhell*; *Marcus*, Viſcount *Tyrone*; and *Brabazon*, Viſcount *Duncannon:* The Right Reverend Fathers in God, *Wellbore*, Biſhop of *Meath*; *Charles*, Biſhop of *Kildare*; *Thomas*, Biſhop of *Waterford* and *Liſmore*; *Peter*, Biſhop of *Cork* and *Roſs*; *John*, Biſhop of *Clogher*; *Nicholas*, Biſhop of *Raphoe*; *Charles*, Biſhop of *Killaloe*; *Henry*, Biſhop of *Derry*; *Francis*, Biſhop of *Down* and *Connor*; *Joſiah*, Biſhop of *Kilmore* and *Ardagh*; *Arthur*, Biſhop of *Ferns* and *Leighlin*; *William*, Biſhop of *Limerick*, *Ardfert* and *Aghadoe*; *Henry*, Biſhop of *Dromore*; *Robert*, Biſhop of *Elphin*; *Robert*, Biſhop of *Killala*; *Edward*, Biſhop of *Oſſory*; *Mordecai*, Biſhop of *Clonfert*; and the Right Reverend the Biſhops of *Meath*, *Kildare*, *Waterford* and *Liſmore*, *Cork* and *Roſs*, *Clogher*, *Raphoe*, *Killaloe*, *Derry*, *Down* and *Connor*, *Kilmore* and *Ardagh*, *Ferns* and *Leighlin*, *Limerick Ardfert* and *Aghadoe*, *Dromore*, *Elphin*, *Killala*, *Oſſory*, and *Clonfert*, for the Time being: Our Right Truſty and well beloved *Edward*, Lord *Athenree*; *William*, Lord *Howth*; *Henry*, Lord *Santry*; *Richard*, Lord *Altham*; and *Thomas*, Lord *Southwell:* Our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellors, *John Rogerſon*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of Our Court of *King's-Bench*; *Thomas Carter*, Eſq; Maſter of the *Rolls*; *James Reynolds*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of Our Court of *Common Pleas*; and *Thomas Marlay*, Eſq; Chief Baron of our Court of *Exchequer*, and the Chancellor of our Court of *Exchequer:* The Chief Juſtice of Our Court of *King's-Bench*, the Maſter of the *Rolls*, the Chief Juſtice of the *Common Pleas*,

and the Chief Baron of Our Court of *Exchequer* of our Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Time being: The Speaker of the Houſe of Commons of Our Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Time being: Our Truſty and well beloved, *William Caulfield* and *Michael Ward*, Eſqs; Judges of Our Court of *King's-Bench*; *George Gore* and *Robert Lindſay*, Eſqs; Judges of our Court of *Common Pleas*; Sir *John St. Leger*, Kt. and *John Wainwright*, Eſq; Barons of the Court of *Exchequer* of Our ſaid Kingdom; *Humphry French*, Eſq; Lord Mayor of Our City of *Dublin*; and the Lord Mayor of Our City of *Dublin* for the Time being: The Right Reverend Father in God, *Charles*, Biſhop of *Kildare*, and Our Truſty and well beloved Doctor *Jonathan Swift*, Deans of our Cathedrals of *Chriſt-Church* and St. *Patrick*, *Dublin*; and the Deans of *Chriſt-Church* and St. *Patrick*, *Dublin*, for the Time being; *Henry Singleton*, Eſq; Our Prime Serjeant at Law; *Robert Jocelyn* and *John Bows*, Eſqs; Our Attorney and Sollicitor-General of Our Kingdom of *Ireland*; and the Prime Serjeant, Attorney and Sollicitor-General, for the Time being; Doctor *Charles Whittingham*, Archdeacon of *Dublin*, and the Archdeacon of *Dublin* for the Time being; Doctors, *Richard Baldwin* and *Claudius Gilbert*, Provoſt and Vice-Provoſt of Our College of the holy and undivided Trinity, near *Dublin*, and the Provoſts and Vice-Provoſts thereof, for the Time being; Sir *Henry King*, Sir *Robert Maud*, Sir *Edward Crofton*, and Sir *Thomas Taylor*, Baronets; *Humphry Butler*, *Henry Hamilton*, *Marmaduke Coghill*, *Thomas Butler*, *Richard Tighe*, *John Caulfield*, *Owen Wynne*, *John Folliot*, *Iſaac Manley*, *Henry Sandford*, *Robert Dillon*, *Arthur Hill*, *Thomas Trotter*, *Michael Cuff*, *Henry Bingham*, *John Bourke*, *Henry Barrington*, *Nathaniel Clements*, *John Staunton*, *Richard Warburton*, *Richard St. George*, *Thomas Forteſcue*, *Henry Boyle*, *Ephraim Dawſon*, *Price Hartſtonge*, *George Houghton*, *Robert French*, *Robert Cope*, *James Coghill*, *George Macartney*, *Hugh Henry*, *Robert Parkinſon*, *Richard Tonſon*, *William Stannus*, *Richard Woleſly*, *William Handcock*, *Anthony Shepherd*, *Toby Caulfield*, *Francis North*, *William Aſton*, *John Eyre*, *Thomas Nesbitt*, *John Bingham*, *Thomas Newcomen*, *Charles Lambert*, *Arthur Dobbs*, *Thomas Pearſon*, *Robert Napper*, *William Veſey*, *Anthony Malone*, *John Rochford*, *Robert Blakeney*, *Samuel Whitſhed*, *James Somerville*, *Nicholas Aylward* and *William Wall*, Eſqs; Sir *Maurice Crosby*, Baronet; *Arthur Gore*, *Hugh Dickſon* and *David Chaigneau*, Eſqs; Dr. *William Percival*, Dean of *Emly*; *Alexander Alcock*, Dean of *Liſmore*; *William Croſs*, Dean

Dean of *Leighlin*; *William Smith*, Dean of *Ardfert*; *James Ward*, Dean of *Cloyne*; *William Williamſon*, Archdeacon of *Kildare*; *Giles Eyre*, Dean of *Killaloe*; *William Uſher*, Archdeacon of *Clonfert*; Dr. *William Jackſon*, Prebend of St. *John*'s, *Dublin*; Dr. *Jeremiah Marſh*, Dean of *Kilmore*; *Nicholas Synge*, Prebendary of the Cathedral of *Tuam*; *John Wynne*, Chanter of St. *Patrick*'s, *Dublin*; *John Antrobus*, Prebendary of St. *Michael*'s, *Dublin*; Dr. *John Hall*, Rector of *Ardſallagh*; Dr. *John Madden*, Rector of St. *Ann*'s, *Dublin*; *Robert Grattan*, Curate of St. *Nicholas* within, *Dublin*; *William Cottrel*, Dean of *Raphoe*; *Lewis Saurin*, Dean of *Ardagh*; *Francis Hamilton*, *Anthony Dopping*, Dean of *Clonmacnois*; *Thomas Wall*, Archdeacon of *Achonry*; *Charles Eſte*, Archdeacon of *Ardmagh*; *James King*, Prebendary of *Tipper*, *Dublin*; Dr. *John Owen*, Rector of *Bovevagh*; *Hugh Hill*, Treaſurer of *Ardmagh*; *Thomas Smyth*, Archdeacon of *Glandelach*; and ſuch others, as ſhall be from time to time choſen, nominated and elected, in and to the Places and Stead of ſuch of them as ſhall deceaſe; ſhall be one Society, Corporation and Body Politick, to have Continuance for ever, by the Name of the INCORPORATED SOCIETY in *Dublin*, *for promoting Engliſh Proteſtant Schools* in *Ireland*; and that by the ſame Name they ſhall have perpetual Succeſſion; and that they and their Succeſſors (by that Name) ſhall be able and capable in Law, to purchaſe, have, take, receive, and enjoy to them and their Succeſſors, in Fee and in Perpetuity, any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Annuities, Penſions, Tythes, or other Hereditaments in our Kingdom of *Ireland*, not exceeding in the whole, the clear yearly Value of Two thouſand Pounds *Sterl.* And further, That they may take and receive any Sum or Sums of Money, or any Manner or Portion of Goods or Chattels that ſhall to them be given, granted, deviſed or bequeathed, by any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, capable to make a Gift or Deviſe thereof; and therewith and thereout to erect, maintain, and ſupport in all Places of Our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, where they ſhall judge the ſame to be moſt neceſſary and convenient, ſuch, and ſo many *Engliſh* Proteſtant Schools, as they ſhall think proper.

The ſaid Commiſſioners have a Power to elect others in the room of their deceas'd Members; and are conſtituted a Corporation, or Body Politick, by the Name of the INCORPORATED SOCIETY in *Dublin*, for promoting *Engliſh* Proteſtant Schools.

Are made capable to receive and enjoy in Perpetuity, Mannors, Lands, *&c.* The ſame not exceeding the yearly Value of Two Thouſand Pounds; to be apply'd for the Eſtabliſhing and Supporting *Engliſh* Proteſtant Schools, in ſuch Places as they ſhall think proper.

AND We do hereby give to the ſaid Society full Power and Authority, to nominate and appoint fit and able Perſons,

The ſaid Society is impower'd to nominate and appoint proper Schoolmaſters and

and Schoolmiſtreſſes, to be approv'd and licens'd by the Archbiſhops and Biſhops reſpectively, to continue during the Pleaſure of the ſaid Society.

ſons, to be approved and licenſed by the Archbiſhops, or Biſhops of this Kingdom, in their reſpective Dioceſes, to be Schoolmaſters and Schoolmiſtreſſes of the ſame, and to continue Schoolmaſters and Schoolmiſtreſſes therein, during the Will and Pleaſure of the ſaid Society, to teach the Children of the *Popiſh*, and other poor Natives of Our ſaid Kingdom, the *Engliſh* Tongue, and to teach them to read, eſpecially the Holy Scriptures, and other good and pious Books; and to inſtruct them in the Principles of the Proteſtant Religion, eſtabliſhed in Our ſaid Kingdom, and to teach them to *write*, and to inſtruct them in *Arithmetick*, and ſuch other Parts of Learning, as to the ſaid Society ſhall ſeem meet, and to bring them up in Virtue and Induſtry; and to cauſe them to be inſtructed in Huſbandry and Houſewifery, or in Trades or Manufactures, or in ſuch like manual Occupations, as the ſaid Society ſhall think proper. The ſaid Society, out of the Fund aforeſaid, providing for the ſaid poor Children, or for ſuch of them, as by the ſaid Society ſhall be judged proper, all neceſſary Materials and Utenſils; as alſo Bibles, Common-Prayer Books, and other proper Books; and giving them, or to ſuch of them as the ſaid Society ſhall think proper, Encouragements, by providing Cloaths, Diet and Lodging for them, as to the ſaid Society ſhall ſeem meet, until ſuch time as they ſhall judge the ſaid Children fit to be put out to Trades or Services, or other Employments; and to allow the ſaid Maſters and Miſtreſſes reſpectively, ſuch yearly Wages or Salaries, as to them ſhall ſeem reaſonable and fitting; together with the Benefit of Schoolhouſes, Dwelling-houſes, Gardens, Fields, and other fitting Accommodations for the ſaid Maſters and Miſtreſſes and Children, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, to be hired, taken, purchaſed, and built by the ſaid Society, according to the Exigencies and Conveniencies of the Places wherein the ſaid Schools ſhall be erected. And We do hereby grant and ordain, that the ſaid Society and their Succeſſors, by the Name aforeſaid, ſhall be able in Law to ſue, and be ſued, plead, and be impleaded, in any of Our Courts, and other Places whatſoever; and before any Judge, Judges, or Juſtices whatſoever, in all, and all Manner of Suits, Complaints, Pleas, Cauſes, Matters and Demands, of whatſoever Kind, Nature, or Form they be; and all, and ſundry other Matters and

The Schoolmaſters and Schoolmiſtreſſes to be ſupported by this Society, and are to be provided with all Things neceſſary for the Inſtruction of the poor Children in the Principles of the Proteſtant Religion, Reading, Writing, and Arithmetick: As likewiſe with uſeful Tracts, and all neceſſary Materials, proper for teaching them Houſewifery, Trades, &c.

The Society and their Succeſſors, by the Name aforeſaid, to ſue and be ſued, in all Courts;

and Things to do, in as full, ample, and effectual Manner, as any other Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, within Our Realm of *Ireland*, may or can do. And We do hereby give and grant to the ſaid Society to have a common Seal, with ſuch Stamp and Inſcription, to be engraved and made thereon, as they ſhall think proper: And that it ſhall be lawful for them and their Succeſſors to change, break, alter, and renew the ſaid Seal at their Pleaſure. And for the better carrying on the aforeſaid pious Deſign, We ordain and appoint, that the ſaid Society have a General Meeting of the Members thereof, quarterly, in *Dublin*, at ſuch Place or Places as they ſhall think proper, *viz.* The firſt *Wedneſdays* in *May*, *Auguſt*, *November* and *February*, yearly, in all Time coming, and oftner, when, and where the ſaid Society ſhall think meet. And any Seven Members of the ſaid Society, who ſhall convene at the ſaid Times and Places, are hereby declared to be a Quorum of the ſaid General Meetings, and to be able and capable to do and tranſact all Acts, Matters, and Things relating to the Affairs of the ſaid Society. And the ſaid Society, at their firſt General Meeting, which we hereby direct to be on the firſt of the ſaid Quarterly Days, that ſhall be Thirty Days next after the Date of theſe Preſents (timely Intimation whereof, the ſaid Lord Primate, or Lord Chancellor, or the Commiſſioners of the Great Seal of *Ireland*, for the Time being, are hereby impowered and required to give to the Members of the ſaid Society) are, by Plurality of Voices of ſuch as ſhall be preſent, to elect from among themſelves a Preſident, and Vice-Preſident: And alſo to elect a Treaſurer, Secretary, Regiſter or Clerk, and ſuch other Officers and Servants as they ſhall find needful, to continue till the firſt *Wedneſday* in *November* next thereafter, and until others be choſen to ſucceed them. And the ſaid Preſident, or Vice-Preſident, at the Time of ſuch Election, is hereby impowered to adminiſter an Oath to the ſaid Treaſurer, Secretary, Regiſter or Clerk, and the ſaid other Officers and Servants; which Oath they are hereby reſpectively required to take, for the due and faithful Execution of their reſpective Offices. And We do further for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, direct and appoint, that upon the firſt *Wedneſday* in *November*, in all Time coming, (or in caſe of any Emergency preventing their Meeting on that Day, then at the next Meeting there-

And to have a common Seal.

The Society to have a general Meeting, Quarterly; *viz.* the firſt *Wedneſdays* in *May*, *Auguſt*, *November*, and *February*, or oftner, and any Seven to be a Quorum.

The ſaid Society at the firſt general Meeting, to elect a Preſident, Vice-Preſident, Treaſurer, Secretary, and Regiſter or Clerk, *&c.*

The Preſident, or Vice-Preſident to adminiſter an Oath to the Treaſurer, *&c.* for the faithful Execution of their Offices.

That the ſaid Society, at the firſt general Meeting, upon the firſt *Wedneſday* in *November*, or next Meeting thereafter, make a new Election of Perſons to ſerve in the

the ſaid Offices, or continue the former.

thereafter) the ſaid General Meeting ſhall make a new Election of Perſons to ſerve in the aforeſaid reſpective Offices, or continue the former, as they ſhall think moſt convenient.

The Society, at their firſt general Meeting, to appoint a Committee of Fifteen of their Number; which Committee is to have a Meeting in *Dublin*; and is impowered to carry into Execution all Rules and Directions of the ſaid Society: and a Committee in manner aforeſaid is to be choſen yearly, on every firſt *Wedneſday* in *November*.

And likewiſe, We do hereby ordain and appoint, that the ſaid Society do, at their firſt General Meeting, nominate and appoint Fifteen of their Number to be a Committee, to meet in *Dublin* the firſt *Monday* in every Month, or oftener, as Need ſhall require, in ſuch Place or Places as ſhall be agreed upon by the ſaid Society, and the ſaid Committee, or any three or more of them, at the Time and Place appointed for their Meeting, are hereby impowered to carry into Execution all ſuch Orders, Rules, and Directions, as ſhall from time to time be made by the ſaid Society, purſuant to the Powers hereby given to them; the ſaid Committee to continue till the firſt *Wedneſday* in *November* next following the ſaid firſt Meeting of the ſaid Society; at which time, and on every firſt *Wedneſday* in *November* yearly, the ſaid Society ſhall nominate Fifteen of their Members to be a Committee for one Year for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

The Society to nominate Perſons to receive Subſcriptions, Benefactions, &c.

And further, the ſaid Society, at their General Meetings, are hereby impowered, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, to nominate and appoint fit Perſons in any Place of our Dominions, or elſewhere, to receive Subſcriptions, Money, or other Things, contributed towards the aforeſaid Deſign.

The Treaſurer to lay before the Society, on the firſt *Wedneſday* in *November*, yearly, an Account of his Receipts and Diſburſements; the ſame to be enter'd in a Book.

And We do hereby will and ordain, That the Treaſurer do lay before the ſaid Society, at their General Meeting, on the firſt *Wedneſday* in *November*, yearly, an Account of his Receipts and Diſburſements for the Year then ending: Which being examined and approved by the ſaid Society, ſhall be entred in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe; which Book, and all other the Books and Papers of the ſaid Society, ſhall at all times be open and free, for the Peruſal of the ſeveral Members thereof, that they may ſee what Lands, Goods, Chattles, and Sums of Money have been given to, and received by the ſaid Society from time to time, and how the ſame have been laid out and applied, by Virtue of theſe Preſents, or any Authority hereby given.

A Power to make ſuch Rules, &c. as the ſaid Society ſhall think neceſſary.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, grant unto the ſaid Society, at their Quarterly Meetings, in all Time coming, and at no other Meetings, full Power to make ſuch Rules and Ordinances, and from time to time to alter the ſame, as they ſhall judge moſt convenient and needful, for the

the good Government of the ſaid Society, and Management of the Affairs thereof, and the effectual Promotion of the good Ends intended hereby; and to give ſuch Inſtructions, Directions, Orders, Encouragements and Salaries to thoſe they employ, as they ſhall judge needful and reaſonable. **Provided** always, that the ſaid Rules, Ordinances, Inſtructions and Directions, be not repugnant to the Laws and Statutes then in force, within Our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*: And that the ſame be approved of and confirmed by the ſaid Lord Primate, or one of the ſaid Lords Archbiſhops, for the Time being, and one of Our ſaid Lord Chief Juſtices, or Chief Baron, for the Time being: And alſo We do ordain, grant and appoint, that ſo often, and whenſoever the Preſident, or Vice-Preſident of the ſaid Society, or any one or more of the Perſons conſtituting the ſaid Society, for the Time being, or any other ſuch Perſon that ſhall be choſen hereafter, ſhall happen to depart this Life, that then, and ſo often, the Survivors of the Perſons conſtituting the ſaid Society, ſhall be continued, and remain incorporate by the Name aforeſaid, to all Intents, Conſtructions and Purpoſes, according to the true Intent and Meaning of theſe Preſents, as if all the ſaid Perſons of the aforeſaid Society had continued: And then, and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid ſurviving Perſons, or any Seven of them as a *Quorum*, at any General Meeting as aforeſaid, to elect, nominate, chuſe and appoint a new Preſident, and Vice-Preſident, in the Room and Place of ſuch Preſident, or Vice-Preſident ſo dying: And alſo, if they ſhall judge it proper and convenient, may chuſe one or more fit Perſon or Perſons, in the Room and Place of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, which ſhall ſo depart this Life; which Perſon and Perſons ſo nominated, elected and choſen as aforeſaid, ſhall, together with the ſaid ſurviving Perſons, be taken, reputed, and be the Society hereby ordained and appointed for the Ends and Purpoſes aforeſaid, and in like manner to proceed, as often as Need ſhall require, for the keeping up of the ſaid Society. **And** further, that upon the Death of their Treaſurer, Secretary, and other Officers and Servants, or upon the Removal of them, or any of them from their Offices, for Miſdemeanors by them committed, they ſhall in like manner chooſe others to ſucceed in their Places, and Stead, and ſo in like manner from time to time, as Need ſhall require. **And** the ſaid Society, or any **Seven** of them, at ſuch General and Quarterly Meetings aforeſaid, **are** hereby impowered to remove from their Offices, any ſuch **Treaſurer**, Secretary and other Officers, for Miſdemeanors **committed** by them in their ſaid Offices and Stations. **And** Our Will and Pleaſure is, That no Leaſe or Leaſes of any Lands or Tenements belonging

A Proviſo, that the ſaid Rules be not repugnant to the Laws of this Kingdom; and the ſame be approved by the Lord Primate, Chief Judges, &c.

That whenſoever the Preſident, Vice Preſident, &c. ſhall die, the Survivors to remain incorporate; and they, or any Seven of them, may appoint a new Preſident, or Vice-Preſident, &c. in the room of ſuch Perſons.

And upon the Death or Removal of their Treaſurer, they ſhall in like manner chooſe others to ſucceed.

And Seven of them at ſuch general Meetings, to remove from their Offices any ſuch Treaſurer, &c. for Miſdemeanors.

All Leaſes of Lands or Tenements to be made at a general Meeting, and with the

the Conſent of the Preſident, &c. the ſaid Meeting at leaſt conſiſting of Seven in Number.

belonging to the ſaid Society, be Made or Executed, but at ſome one of their General and Quarterly Meetings, with the Approbation of the Preſident, or Vice-Preſident and Treaſurer, and the Major Part of the other Members then preſent, ſuch Major Part being at leaſt Seven in Number, and that every Leaſe ſo to be made, ſhall be of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in Poſſeſſion, and not in Reverſion, and for a Term not exceeding Three Lives, or Thirty one Years, whereon there ſhall be reſerved the beſt yearly Rent, that can be had or gotten for the ſaid Lands or Tenements, at the time of making ſuch Leaſes reſpectively, without any Fine or other Income, to be had or taken for the ſame. And We further grant to the ſaid Society full Power and Authority, at any of their Quarterly Meetings in Time coming, to Elect and Aſſume into their Number and Society, ſuch Subſcribers or Benefactors to their Fund, being *Proteſtants*, as they ſhall judge fit and qualified to aſſiſt in carrying on the Deſign aforeſaid; which Perſons ſo from time to time elected, ſhall be deemed and taken to be Members, and Part of the ſaid Society and Corporation, as if herein particularly named as ſuch. Provided always, and We do hereby expreſly declare Our Royal Will and Pleaſure to be, That it ſhall not be Lawful for the ſaid Society to diminiſh their Capital Stock ariſing from the Annual Rent or Income of any Mannors, Lands, Tenements, Annuities, Penſions, Tythes, or other Hereditaments, whereof they ſhall at any time be Seiſed, or Poſſeſſed, by Gift, Purchaſe, or Deviſe; but they ſhall confine their Expences yearly to ſuch Annual Rent or Income, and to ſuch Sums of Money, Goods and Chattles, as ſhall from Year to Year be Subſcribed or given to them, or the Intereſts and Profits thereof. And laſtly, We do Declare and Ordain, That theſe Our Letters Patent, and Charter, and every Clauſe, Sentence and Article herein contained, or the Inrolment hereof made in our High Court of Chancery in Our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, ſhall be in all Things Firm, Valid, Sufficient and Effectual in the Law, unto the ſaid Society and their Succeſſors, according to the Purport and Tenor hereof, without any further Grant, Licence or Toleration from Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, to be procured or obtained. Provided always, that theſe Our Letters Patents, be Inroled in the Rolls of Our High Court of Chancery in Our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, within the ſpace of Six Months next enſuing the Date of theſe Preſents. In witneſs whereof, We have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patent. Witneſs, Our ſaid Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, at *Dublin*, the 24th Day of *October*, 1733, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

Every Leaſe to be made, not exceeding Three Lives, or Thirty one Years Poſſeſſion, and without Fine.

Subſcribers, being *Proteſtants*, to be admitted into the Society.

Proviſo, to reſtrain the Society from diminiſhing their Capital Stock.

Clauſe, that the Grant is Valid in Law.

Proviſo, of Inrolment.

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